GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:389
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2008
MARKET SHARE OF BSNL
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL's position in wireless segment has gone down to the fourth from the second position in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there was delay in the procurement of GSM and broadband equipment which has caused this fall;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the market share of BSNL in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR COMMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 389 FOR 21st APRIL, 2008 REGARDING MARKET SHARE OF BSNL.

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The decline in market share of BSNL in wireless segment is due to increase in number of private players in the telecom sector which has resulted into fierce competition among different service providers. However, the total wireless connection of BSNL has increased from 3.09 crores as on 31.03.2007 to 4.07 crores as on 31.03.2008.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The equipment procurement efforts for BSNL's new mobile expansion project received a setback with one of the bidders approaching the Hon'ble High Court against the decision of BSNL rejecting their bid.

(e) The Market share of BSNL in wireless segment is 15.52% as on 29.02.2008.